[Mr. N. K. Krishna Pillai.]

Police in connection with the arrest of picketing volunteers, asked at the meeting of the Council, held on the 26th April 1932, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Quilon District Magistrate has completed his enquiry; and

(*b*) the action taken so far (30-11-1107) by that officer with regard to this matter?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) The enquiry stood posted last to the 30th Mithunam 1107. But the District Magistrate now reports that he was not able to close it on that date, and that, out of the 30 persons who were convicted by the Ambalapuzha Magistrate in connection with the arrest made by the Police and to whom notices were issued to appear and let in evidence, only 10 persons had appeared till the 30th Mithunam 1107.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Was this case posted to any date prior to 30th Mithunam?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. There was an enquiry on the 13th Edavom.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether any persons, other than these convicted volunteers, were summoned or examined?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): 30 persons who were convicted were alone examined. I do not see that anybody else was summoned.

Law charges for defending Police Officers prosecuted during 1103-1106.

358. **MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR** (*Pattanamtitta*) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount spent under law charges such as vakils' fee, etc., for defending Police Officers who were accused by private parties during the last 4 years;

(*b*) the number of cases and the number of witnesses examined in each case during the same period; and

(*c*) whether any preliminary enquiry is being held by any superior officer or officers of the Department, with regard to the *bona fides* or otherwise of the complaints against a Police Officer, before sanction from Government is sought for and obtained for the defence?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

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(*a*) 1103	...	...	...	...
1104	...	272	0	0
1105	...	104	0	0
1106	...	27	11	0

(*b*) The time and labour involved in collecting the information will be out of all proportion to the possible utility to be derived from it.

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(*c*) Where a complaint has been preferred by a private individual against a Police Officer before a competent court, the subject matter of the complaint is not enquired into, prior to or during the judicial enquiry; but the circumstances leading to the institution of a complaint against a Police Officer are carefully looked into in cases where accused Police Officers apply for aid from Government to defend themselves.

Petitions re corruption of Police Officers.

359. **MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any petition has been received by the Commissioner of Police against any of the officers of the Police Department in 1107 alleging corruption, and, if so, the number of such petitions and the names of the officers against whom such petitions were made;

(*b*) whether the Commissioner of Police has personally conducted any enquiry at the place from where such complaints arose, and, if so, the date on which and the place where such enquiry was conducted and the result of such enquiry; and

(*c*) whether in any one of those cases the District Superintendent concerned has reported to the Commissioner of Police in support of the petitioners?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) A statement* furnishing the information is laid on the table. Government do not propose to give the names of officers against whom such petitions have been sent, as they consider it objectionable to do so.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) 1.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): In regard to part (*b*) may I know the reason why the Commissioner of Police has not conducted any personal investigation into the matter?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He generally conducts enquiries through his District Officers.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Am I to understand therefrom that in regard to allegations of corruption made about the subordinate officers, the Head of the Department is not bound to make any enquiry himself?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He is not bound.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Is that the practice here obtaining?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): If, in any case, the enquiry by the District Superintendent of Police or the Assistant Superintendent of Police is found to be not quite complete, or, if the Commissioner of Police thinks that a further scrutiny is necessary, he will attend to it himself.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): What are the conditions under which the Commissioner would ordinarily be induced to think that an enquiry completed by the District Superintendent of Police or the Assistant Superintendent of Police was insufficient?

*. *Vide* Appendix II—page ii.

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